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SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

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1. EMBOFF HAD LONG DISCUSSION REGARDING FORTHCOMING ICRC CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WITH CARLOS GAMARRA, FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES. THIS IS SAME OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED PREVIOUS DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PRG REPRESENTATION ISSUE. HE IS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH ISSUE AND WAS AWARE OF AMBASSADOR'S RECENT DEMARCHEON FONMIN REGARDING PRG REPRESENTATION IN LOS CONTEXT.

2. AFTER REVIEWING DEVELOPMENTS AND REPEATING ARGUMENTS AGAINST PRG PARTICIPATION, EMBOFF GAVE GAMARRA COPY OF USG REPLY TO ICRC NOTE. HE FOUND IT INTERESTING RESTATEMENT OF US POSITION AND SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIM IN PREPARING MEMORANDUM TO HIGHER MINISTRY LEVEL. IN REPLY TO QUERY REGARDING LIKELY GOP POSITION ON PRG (PERU VOTED FOR PRG PARTICIPATION IN HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCE), GAMARRA RECALLED THAT MILGOV HAS

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SUPPORTED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN AFRICA.

HE SAID THAT THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT GOP WILL CONTINUE BACK PRG, SINCE ITS PARTICIPATION WAS IN A SENSE DECIDED AT EARLIER CONFERENCE. GAMARRA DID NOT THINK GOP WOULD OPPOSE PRG PARTICIPATION BUT ADVANCED PERSONAL OPINION THAT ABSTENTION MIGHT OFFER PERU AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE.

3. COMMENT: WE VENTURE TO GUESS THAT IF GOP DECIDES TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPERTS' MEETING AND REPLIES TO ICRC NOTE, IT WILL PROBABLY NOT MODIFY ITS PREVIOUS SUPPORT FOR PRG. HOWEVER, THERE IS OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT PERU COULD ABSTAIN ON THE BASIS THAT ISSUE WAS DECIDED AT RECENT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, WHICH ARGUMENT IT COULD USE IF NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN TO ITS MORE MILITANT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE GROUP PARTNERS.
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